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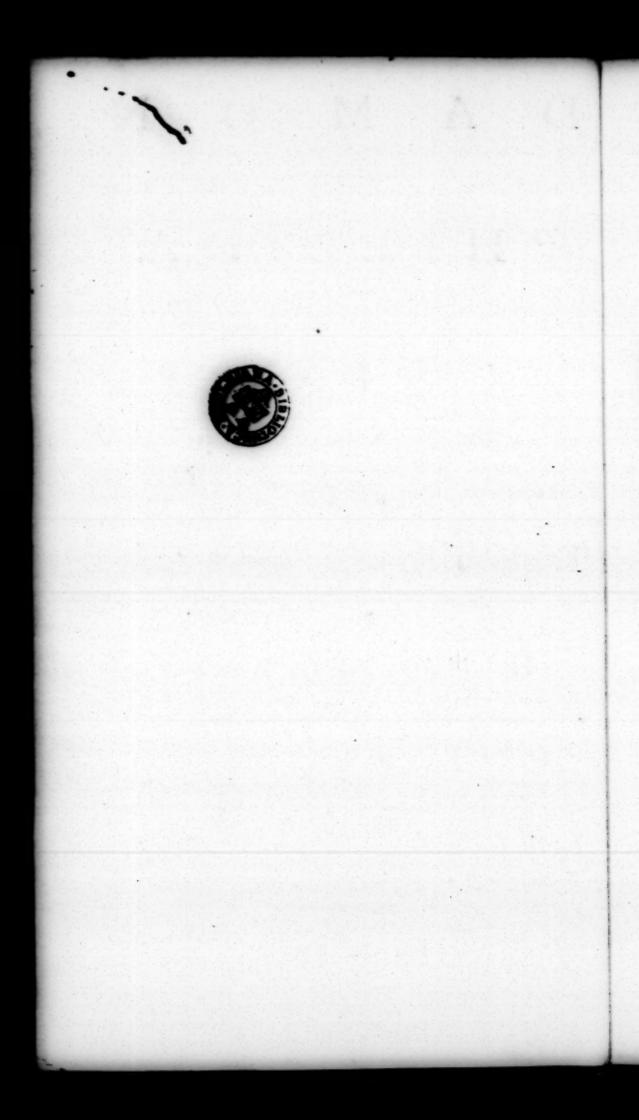
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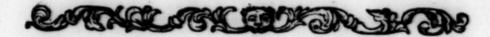
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SCENE I.

ARCAS, EGON.

Æ GON.



HIS way I fee old Corydon advancing:

He comes, by my Appointment, to complain

Of fome Abuse that's offer'd to his Daughter;

And hopes, that your Authority will right him.

Arc. 'Tis true! fomewhat of his Pastora told me.

Æg. He's here, with all the Parties, to attend you.

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S C E N E II.

Enter Corydon, Phillida, Cimon, Mopfus, Damon, and other Shepherds.

Cor. May all our Gods preserve the noble Areas,
Lord of our Lands and Flocks. —
Arc. — Good Neighbours, welcome!
What feems amis, that may concern your Welfare?
Cor. Ah! my good Lord, I have no Skill to speech it;
But Grief at Heart will always find a Tongue.
My Lord, this home-bred Maid I call my Daughter,
She's all I have, and all my Hope; now I
Would gladly fee her well dispos'd in Marriage:
And that she might not die a Maid, unask'd,
I have declar'd one half of what I have
Her Dow'r, in present; at my Death, the rest.
'Tis true, 'tis little; but still, the Half is Half!
Now here, so please you, I have found her out
A pair of wholesome Youths, to take her choice of:
Brothers they be, Sons of my Neighbour Dorus,
This is call'd Cimon, and the younger Mopfus!
Their Means, and Manners, fuit her Breeding well,
And both profess their Hearts are set upon her.
Cim. Yes, and please you, both cruelly in Love.
[Half crying
Cor. Nay pr'ythee, Cimon, let me tell my Story.

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Arch. A little Patience, Friend —

Mop. — Hoh! hoh! hoh! hoh!

That Fool my Brother's always in the wrong!

Cor. Fy! fy! Mopfus! now thou art worse than he,

Arc. On with thy Tale —

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-Now, Sir, these Lads, I say, Were nothing in the way to cross their Courtship, Might one or t'other make her a good Husband. But here, here, an't please you, lies our Grief! The wilful Girl is scornful to them both. And why? because, forfooth! she loves another! But how! how is her Love dispos'd? Why thus! This pranking gamesom Boy, this Damon here! With Songs, and Gambols, has, I think, bewitch'd her. His Pipe, it feems, has play'd her fweeter Sounds, And all the idle Day they toy and fing together. Cim. Ay, fo they do, and please you -

- Nay, nay, Cimon!

Cim. Well, well! I've done: but I'm fure it's true tho'.

Cor. So nothing now will down with her but Damon.

And what will Damon do? Why, ruin her? The Lamb that's in the hungry Fox's Mouth, Has little hope to scape being made his Breakfast: For he declares he ne'er intends to marry,

And openly defies my Power to force him.

A hard Defiance to a tender Father!

Now, good my Lord! 'tis true you're not our King,

And therefore none are bound, by Law, to obey you:

But you've a stronger Tie o'er us, our Hearts.

And the great Good you do us every Day,

Will make your Word go farther than a Law:

So if your Pity think my Case is hard,

ing.

I leave the Manner how, to your great Wildom;

And hope your Goodness will prevent a Father's Sorrow.

Arc. Thy Grief, good Corydon, I take to Heart,

And, to my poor Extent of Power, will ferve thee.

But hear me now, what others may reply.

Damon, thou'ft heard this good old Man's Complaint;

Why haft thou dallied with this Maid's Affection?

What shall I say I've done to right his Daughter?

Dam. Why, let the Damfel please her self, my Lord;

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Weeps.

If the's dispos'd to marry, there's her Choice.

If to make Life a Frolick — Here's her Man.

Cor. You see, Sir, I have not accus'd him falsly.

Arc. 'Tis true.

Well, my good Friends. I hope what you propose

[To Cim. and Mop.

Will shew your Hearts are of an honest Mold,
There stands the Maid; if you have ought to urge,
That may prefer your Hopes to Damon's,
Take this Occasion to avow your Love:
You have her Father's Wish, and my Protection.

Cim. Ah! Sir, an' like you, I have no Heart to speak; She flouts, and glowts at me, from Morn to Night. See how she looks now! 'cause she can't avoid me.

Arc. Take Courage, Man; 'tis but her Maiden Shynefs. Cim. D'ye think fo, Sir? Why then I will take Heart! If an old Song will do the thing, have at her.



AIR I.



There's not a Swain,
On the Plain,
Would be bleft as I,
O could you but, could you but on me smile:

But you appear So severe,

That trembling with Fear,

My Heart goes pit-a-pat! pit-a-pat! all the while!

When I cry,

Must I die?

You make no Reply,

But look fby,

And with a scornful Eye,

Kill me with your Cruelty :

How can you be, can you be,

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How can you be fo hard to me?

Ah!

Ah! poor Cimon, thou art ne'er the nearer!

Not all thy Sighs, nor Songs, nor Sobs can move her! [Crying.

Cor. You see, my Lord, the Lad, tho' fearful, in His Heart is honestly dispos'd however.

Arc. Perhaps the may be more inclin'd to Mopfus.

Æg. Come, Mopfus, now for thee, thy Heart feems chearful.

Mop. Ay! 'twas always fo: I love to laugh,

Let things go how they will: Why let her frown!

As long as Cimon's us'd as ill as I,

It gives one's Mind a little Ease however!

Happen as 'twill, I shall have him to laugh at.

Cor. Ah! Sir, we poor Swains have but homely Words, To speak our Minds; but what we say, we stand to.

Arc. An honest Principle: Now, my good Friend;

Let us inquire into thy Daughter's Heart:

For that must guide us — Phillida, come near!

Arc. Well, my fair Maid! is there, within my Pow'r,

Ought, that may contribute to thy Happiness?

Of all these Youths, for thou art free to choose,

Which is the Swain comes nearest to thy Heart?

Phill. Since I am forc'd to speak the Truth, my Lord,

I own my Heart has play'd a fimple Game;

I know my Father's Kindness means me well,

And I could wish I had the Power to please him;

But I am loth to lead a Savage Life:

And fure! these Lads were woful Company.

Cim. O scornful Maid! my Heart will burst with Grief!

[Cries.

Mop. Hoh! hoh! poor Cimon's in a bitter taking! [Laughs. Phill. 'Twere hard to choose, from such Extremes of Folly!

Damon, with all his Infidelities,

Seems not to me, Sir, half fo terrible!

And I am more than much afraid I love him!

'Tis true, I know him fickle, false, and faithless!

And I have try'd a thousand, thousand times,

To shut him from my Thoughts, but 'twill not do! Whene'er my Heart is open, in he comes! Again submits, and is again forgiven! Again I love, and am again forsaken! Yet still he fools me on; and when he's absent, With Sighs, and Songs, I thus relieve my Folly.

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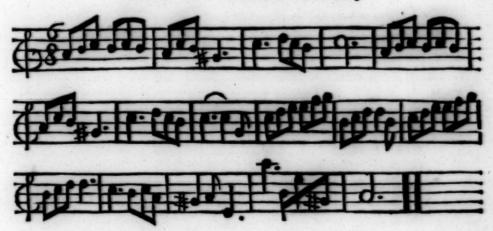
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AIR II. O Mother! a Hoop.



What Woman could do, I have try'd, to be free:
Yet do all I can,
I find I love him, and tho' he flies me,
Still, still he's the Man.
They tell me, at once, he to twenty will swear:
When Vows are so sweet, who the Falshood can fear?
So, when you have said all you can,

Still - ftill he's the Man.

II.

I caught him once making Love to a Maid,

When to him I ran,

He turn'd, and he kiss'd me, then who could upbraid

So civil a Man?

The next Day I found to a Third he was kind,

I rated him soundly; he swore, I was blind;

So, let me do what I can,

Still—still he's the Man.

III. All

III.

All the World bids me beware of his Art:

I do what I can;

But he has taken such hold of my Heart,

I doubt he's the Man!

So sweet are his Kisses, his Looks are so kind,

He may have his Faults, but if I none can find,

Who can do more than they can?

He —— still is the Man.

Arc. Take Comfort, Corydon; all yet may mend: Thy Daughter's frank Confession of her Love Perfuades me of her guarded Innocence! And though licentious Damon may deferve Severe Reproof; yet for the Maiden's fake (For what he fuffers, her fond Heart will feel) We will not harden him, by Punishment, But rather tempt him by Reward, to Virtue. Of this bad Matter make we then the best. If therefore, Damon, thou, or any Swain, By Suit, or Service of his Love, can woo, And win this gentle Maid to be his Bride, The Dow'r which her kind Father has declar'd, My felf will double, on her Marriage-day, And give him, with her Hand, my farther Favour. Cor. May all the Gods preserve the bounteous Arcas. A double Portion! Now, my honest Lads. There's brave Encouragement to warm your Hearts! Now shew your Skill, and who's the featest Fellow! Now fing, and dance her down to your Defires! Now, Phillida, let faithless Damon see What Love, and Honesty have gain'd, by Truth; And what his Pranks have loft by Wickedness. Phill. Dishonesty shall never gain on me. Mop. A double Dowry, Cimon; now's our Time! Cim. Ay, but I'm tender-hearted; my poor Hopes Will never bloffom, while the looks fo frofty!

Cor. Learn of thy Brother, Lad; thou feeft he knows No Fear, nor Grief: Up with thy Heart, and at her.

Cim. Well then, fince you encourage me, I will.

Cor. Well faid, my Boy!

Arc. — Come, Corydon.

Now let us leave these Lovers free to woo,

And he that first subduing, and subdued,

Comes Hand in Hand, to ask her Bridal Dow'r,

In farther Token of my Love, my felf

Will crown him with a Chaplet, worth his wearing.

Æg. Now for the Garland!

Mop. _____ Live the noble Areas!

[Ex. Arcas and Ægon.

Cor. — Let me but live to see that Knave,
That graceless Damon bobb'd! let him but wear
The Willow! I'll jump into my Grave,
With Joy——

Exit Cor.

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SCENE III.

Dam. ———— So! now have I probably
All my whole Work to do over again!
This double Dow'r, no doubt, will turn her Brain,
And fet the Wind-mill of her Sex a going.

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Mop. Now! Cimon, now!

Cim. — I'd rather you'd speak first.

Mop. No, you are the elder -

Cim. ____ But my Heart misgives me.

Phill. Still filent! no kind Offer yet from Damon?

Has Fortune no effect upon his Heart?

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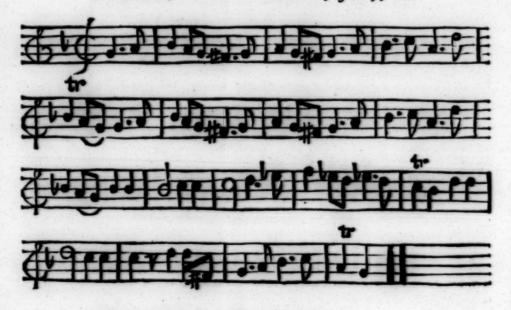
Cim. No, no, I tell you, I shall never hit

The Tune alone -

Mop. — Well then, be fure you back me.

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AIR III, and IV. Tell me, Jenny, &c.



Tell me, Philly, tell me roundly, When you will your Heart surrender?

Cim. Faith and Troth! I love thee woundly, And I was the first Pretender.

Mop. Of us Boys,

Cim. Take thy Choice:

Mop. Here's a Heart --

Cim. ____ And here's a Hand to.

Mop. His, or mine, Cim. All is thine.

Both. Body and Goods at thy Command too.

Phill. How harsh and tedious is the Voice Of Love, from any but the Voice desir'd!

A I R IV.

While you both pretend a Passion,
'Twould be cruel to choose either;
To preserve your Inclination,
I must kindly fix on neither.

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To be just,
I now must

Make yours, and yours be equal Cases:
Therefore pray,
From this Day,
I never may behold your Faces.

Now be filent; if Damon is inclin'd To speak, his turn is next, you've had your Answer. Mop. Well! let him fpeak! may hap your Face May get as little good from him, as ours From you; 'tisn't every Man will marry you; Don't cry, Cimon; it only makes her prouder. Cim. She has given me fuch a Kick o' the Heart, I shall never recover it -Phill. — Hark thee, Cimon! I like thee better than thy Brother far. Cim. O! the gracious! do you truly, and truly? Phill. I'll give thee Proof this Inflant! take him hence, And keep him from my Sight, an Hour at leaft. And when thou feeft me next, come thou without him. Cim. Give me thy Hand on't -Phill. ——— Hufh! not now, they'll fee us. Away with him -Cim. A Word's enough - I'll do't. Come, Mopfus, come away - for I have a thing, And fuch a thing to tell thee, Boy -___ What ails Mop. -The Fool? Thou'rt mad! Cim. — Mad! Ay, and fo would you Be too, were my Cafe yours; but come away. Mop. Nay, not fo fast, good Cimon -Cim. - Faster, Mopsus, faster. [Cimon burries off Mopfus.

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SCENE IV.

Dam. My charming Creature! this was kindly done!

Never was Favour, to a Fool, fo well

Diffembled ———

Phill. — Yes, I have learn'd from you, Diffembling. And you'll again diffemble, to reward me.

Dam. Why fo suspicious, Phillida? Don't I love thee? Why all this Buftle at my Heart, when thus I touch thy Hand, or gaze upon thy Eyes! Give me thy Lips, and see how thou'rt mistaken.

Phill. No, Damon; Lips are but liquorish Proofs
Of Love, and thine too often have deceiv'd me.

A I R V. Handell's Minuet.



Dam.

Dam. Away with Suspicion,
That Bane to Desire;
The Heart that loves truly, all Danger desies;
The Rules of Discretion
But stifle the Fire;
On its Merit alone, true Beauty relies.

What a Folly to tremble
Left the Lover diffemble
His Fire?
Turtles that woo,
Bill and coo:
While we enjoy
We must be true!
And to repeat it, is all,
All! we can desire.

Phill. 'Tis thus thou always haft decoy'd my Heart!
Thou know'st I love, and therefore wouldst undo me.

Dam. I know thou lov'st, and therefore would secure thee.

AIR VI.



Phill. While you pursue me,
Thus to undo me
Sure Ruin lies in all you say.
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To

To bring your Toying,
Up to Enjoying,
Call first the Priest, and name the Day;
Then, then name the Day.

Lasses are willing
As Lads, for billing,
When Marriage Vows are kindly prest.
Let hely Father
Tie us together,
Then bill your fill, and bill your best;
Then, then bill your best.

Dam. What! not a Hand, a Lip, for old Acquaintance? Not one poor Sample of the Grain, my Dear, Unless I make a Purchase of the whole?

Phill. No, Damon; now 'tis time to end our Fooling. Confent to wed me, or forbear to love.

Dam. What! dost thou think to starve me into Marriage? Phill. I'll starve my felf, but I'll avoid thy Falshood!

Graze where thou wilt, I'll feed no ranging Lovers.

Dam. No - nor I won't be pounded, while I can leap

A Hedge: So keep your Grafs for Calves to graze on.

I need not go a Mile for Pasture, Dame,

And good as any Meal that you can make me.

Phill. Do, leave me, do, and prove thy felf a Traitor!

Faithless, inhumane Damon!

Dam. - Mighty well!

This double Dow'r, I find, has turn'd thy Brain!

And thou would'ft make me madder than thy felf!

A Husband! Death! a Mill-horse, what, to grind, And grind, in one poor hopeless Round of Life!

To-day, to-morrow, and to-morrow ftill

To plod the Path I trod the Day before!

O! methinks I feel the Collar on my Shoulders!

· Phill. Abandon'd Damon! now I begin to hate thee.

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Dam. I'm glad, my Mistress, that you'll speak your Mind! Some Girls will fool you on till one's Heart aches. But since I know your Play, forsooth, hang lag, Say I, and so farewel, fair Phillida.

A I R VII. I'll range around the fhady Bow'rs.



Dam. Ill range the World, where Freedom reigns, And scatter Love around the Plains.

Phill. I'll starve my Love, and rather part, Than yield my Hand to fool my Heart.

Dam. The Frowns of this, I ne'er take ill:
Where one denies, there's two that will.

Phill. Since Maids by Kindness are undone, Adieu, Mankind; I'll sigh for none.

Dam. No frozen Lafs shall hold me long.

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Phill. No Swain, that's false, my Love shall wrong.

Dam. Farewel! farewel — 'tis time to part.
Phill. Thus from thy Hold, I tear my Heart.

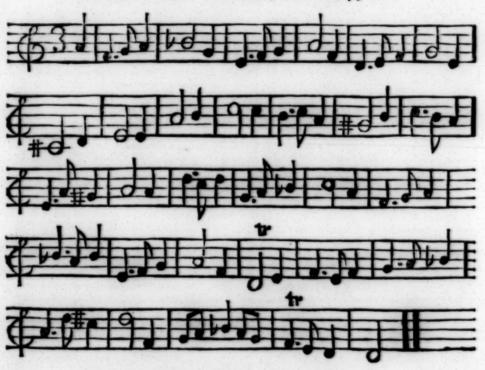
Both. Farewel! farewel, &c. [Exit Phillida. Manet Damon.

Dam. How could the Gipfy muster such a Spirit? The Pertness of her Pride has so provok'd me,

I fhall

I shall never rest in my Bed, till she Lies by me.

A I R VIII. At Noon, in a fultry, &c.



Dam. Around the Plains my Heart has row'd:
The Brown, the Fair, my Flames approv'd:
The Pert, the Proud, by turns have low'd;
And kindly fill'd my Arms.
I danc'd, I fung, I talk'd, I toy'd;
While This I woo'd, I That enjoy'd,
And ere the Kind, with Kindness cloy'd,
The Coy resign'd her Charms.

But now, alas! those Days are done:
The wrong'd are all reveng'd by One,
Who, like a frighted Bird, is flown,
Yet leaves her Image here.
O! could I, yet, her Heart recal,
Before her Feet my Pride would fall,
And, for her sake, forsaking all,
Would six for ever there.

Here

Here she comes again, and with her — ha ——
Her Father! fost —— I'm out of Favour there!
Lie close a while, and mark what Nail's a driving.

[Retires.



SCENE V.

Enter Corydon, with Phillida.

Cor. And I fay, think no more of him Phill That's hard!	
Is't not enough I fee him not?	
Cor. ————— I fay,	
Avoid him as the wildest Beast of Prey!	
He uses Girls like Carrion: Not the Wolf	
In a Sheepfold, or hungry Fox on Poultry,	
Can make more Havock, than that wicked Rogue	
Among the Wenches Hearts —	
Damon. — That must be me!	[Behin
But what fays Phillida?	
Phill. — Suppose this true!	
Yet could he, still, be wrought to marry me!	
Cor. My Patience! has he not refus'd to marry?	
Phill. And therefore I've declar'd against his Love.	
Cor. Ay, ay, but still he lurks within your Heart!	
And 'till you drive him thence -	
Phill I strive to do it;	
And if you knew the Pain, you'd pity me.	



A I R IX. Bush o' Boon Traquair.



A thousand ways, to wean my Heart,
I've try'd, yet can't remove him.

And tho' for Life I've sworn to part,
For Life I find I love him.

Still should the dear false Man return,
And with new Vows pursue me,
His statt'ring Tongue would kill my Scorn,
And still, I fear, undo me.

Behind.

In time, to please thee

Phill. - Well! fince you defire it.

But Mopfus has the same Pretensions too.

Send him to make his equal Claim,

And, 'till he's found, I'll hear what Cimon fays.

Cor. Ah! Phillida, thou gain'ft my Heart. I'll fend him.

[Exit.

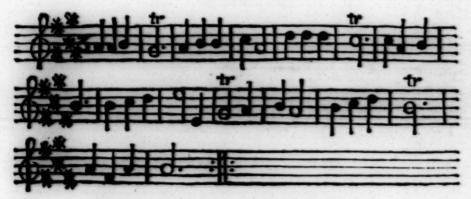
Dam. Now shall I measure, by their Hopes, my own.

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SCENE VI.

To her Cimon, finging.

AIR X.



Cim. Behold, and see thy wounded Lover!

Whose Truth from thee will ne'er depart!

O let my Tears, at length discover

One gentle Smile to heal my Heart!

Phill. Were in the World, no Man but Cimon,
None of the Female Kind but I,
With me should end the Name of Woman,
With thee the Race of Man should die.

Cim. O cruel Sound! false-hearted Phillida! Didst thou not say, thou lov'st me better than

A I R XI. Phillida flouts me.



O what a Plague is Love!
I cannot bear it:
What Life so curst can prove,
Or Pain come near it!
When I would tell my Mind,
My Heart misdoubts me;
Or when I speak, I find
With Scorn she routs me.
In vain is all I say,
Her Answer still is Nay:
O dismal, doleful Day!
Phillida stouts me.

Cim.

Enter Mopfus finging.

A I R XII. One long Whitfon Holiday.



Mop. Ah! poor Cimon! Dud a cry!

Well-a-day! wipe an Eye! O fy, Phillida!

To treat him fo fcornfully,

Shamefully, mournfully!

Phillida, fy!

Phill. No, no, no, Sir Pert, and Dull!

Simpleton, Paperskull! I for ever shall

Think thee far the greater Fool!

Therefore will give thee Cause

With him to cry.

Cim. Tell! lell! dell! — Now I pray,
Who has Caufe most to cry, ah! well-a-day?

Mop. What care I! why let her scoff, I can laugh; play her off, better than you.

Cim. Ab! poor Mopfus, thou'rt a Fool!

Mop. I say, you're a greater Owl. Cim. Nay, now I'm sure that's a Lye.

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Mop.

Mop. What's a Lye? -

Cim. - That's a Lye!

Mop. I fay, 'tis true.

A I R XIII. Cruel, cruel, tyrannizing.



Phill. Give over your Love, you great Loobies,
I hate you both, you Sir, and you too:
Did ever a Brace of fuch Boobies
The Lass that detests them, pursue?

Mop. Hπυ!---

Phill. - Go! -

Cim. - Oh! I'm ready to faint!

How are you?

To Mopfus.

Mop. Why truly, she treats us but so, so.

For my part, I think she's a Devil.

A Woman would scorn for to do so.

Cim. O fy! fy! fuch Words are uncivil.

Phill. Prepare then, to hear my last Sentence.

Before I'd wed either, much rather
I'd stand on the Stool of Repentance,

And want for my Bantling a Father.

Go! -

Cim. - Oh! Woe! I'm ready to faint;

Mop. And I too.

Was ever a Slut so inhuman!

Odfooks! let us take down ber Mettle!

Cim. I dare not -

Mop. - Let me come! p/baw waw, Man,

She only has water'd a Nettle.

In short, this won't do, Mrs. Vixen!

For one of us two you must now choose.

Phill. Then you are the Man that I fix on;

And you - are the Fool I refuse.

[Strikes each a Box on the Ear,

Cim. Waunds!

cim. Go! The Devil would fly fuch a Spouse.

Mop.

Phill. If there's a Joy comes near recovering those We love, sure 'tis to silence those we hate.



When Cimon and Mopfus are gone, Damon prefents himself to Phillida, singing.

A I R XIV. Dutch Skipper.



Dam. See! behold, and fee!

With an Eye kind, and relenting,

Damon, now, repenting,

Only true to thee;

Content to love, and love for Life!

Phill. If you, now sincere,
With an honest Declaration
Mean to prove your Passion,
To the Purpose swear,
And make, at once, a Maid a Wife.

Dam. Thus, for Life, I take thee,

Never to forfake thee.

Soon, or late,

I find our Fate,

To Hearts aftray,

Directs the way,

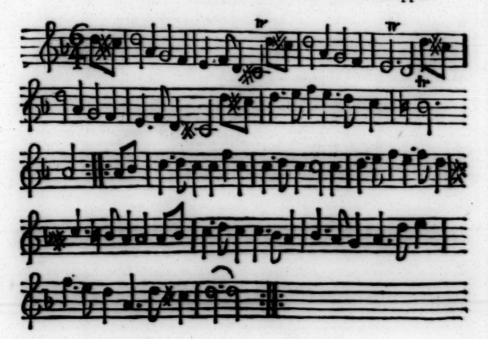
And brings, to lasting Joys, the Rover home.

Phill. Ever kind, and tender, Conquer'd, I furrender:

Prove

Prove bue true,
As I, to you,
Each kindling Kifs
Shall add a Blifs,
That only, from the constant Lip, can move.

A I R XV. Second Part of the Dutch Skipper.



Dam.

To the Priest away, to bind our Vows,
With our Hands and Hearts united.

Phill.

To reduce the Rover to lawful Spouse,
Is a Triumph, my Heart has delighted.

If I never could fix,

'Twas the Fault of the Sex,

Who easily yielding, were easy to cloy.

But in Love we still find,

When the Heart's well inclin'd,
In One, only One, is the Joy.

But in Love, &c.

FINIS.



